

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 40, line 15 and ends on line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to the invention[[,]] ~~in the same, 'manner as the gland packing set forth in claims 4 to 6[[,]]~~ a ringlike projected part and ring-like seal member are strongly brought into tight contact with the inner face of a stuffing box and the outer peripheral face of a valve rod or the like, only by applying a low tightening force in an axial direction, whereby the penetration leak prevention and high sealing properties can be ensured maintained for a long term.